

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from January 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,032

Current number of adults: 56,100

Current number of children: 137,983

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,359

Closures in January:

total closures: 3,605

closures for 18 month time limits: 168

closures for sanctions: 693 (ask Kerry)

work-related sanctions: 629

other sanctions: 64

closures for employment: 1,004

Time limit closures since Families First started: 10,600

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,113

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$663.74

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.22

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.